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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group Report,
IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I urge you to support LightSquared's efforts to launch their nationwide 4G-LTE broadband wireless network. This network represents a real and fiscally responsible opportunity to increase a critical goal of our National Broadband Plan; increase broadband wireless spectrum.

Their planned combined satellite-terrestrial network will greatly increase access to wireless broadband for the 26 million Americans who currently are underserved specifically rural areas and minority communities. The company has a long-standing history of providing satellite communications to the public safety and homeland security community. This new network will have the ability to reach remote areas with a seamless secure connection that will benefit first responders, healthcare workers and emergency response personnel.

Their wholesale provider model will allow regional and local wireless companies to offer "big three service" and foster competition in the wireless market. This competition brings innovation, forces an emphasis on customer service and lower prices. In addition, it will bring much-needed investment in the U.S. economy, with the expected creation of 15,000 jobs a year during its construction.

I have heard about the potential for interference with GPS devices. It is a serious issue that the your commission is addressing but LightSquared's proposal to launch operations only in the lower 10 Megahertz of its licensed spectrum will take care of more than 99% of GPS receivers. Our urgent need for expanded wireless broadband capacity demands that the GPS industry make the necessary adjustments to its receivers to fix the remaining 1%.

I believe that the GPS community has had eight years to prepare for the day of expanded need for wireless broadband spectrum. We cannot wait for the GPS industry's to fix the 1% that will help 95% of all Americans have high-speed broadband internet access.

Sincerely,

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